

Application Serial No.: 10/706,317
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Response to Restriction/Election Requirement:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 28, 2005, Applicant responds as follows:

- 1) In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects to continue prosecution of Claims 1-37 (Group I).
- 2) In response to the election requirement, Applicant elects the species of Figures 6-12 (Embodiment b or 2). Currently, Claims 1-16 and 38-39 are readable on the elected species of Figures 6-12. However, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.141, Applicant notes that upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to the other disclosed species (Figures 1-5; Embodiment a or 1). Applicant believes that at least independent Claims 1, 8, and 38 are generic in regards to all Figures 1-12 (Embodiments 1 and 2) and are allowable. Therefore, upon allowance of any said generic claim(s), Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims directed towards both Embodiments 1 and 2.

Applicant believes that the above remarks completely respond to the Examiner's requirements. Should there be any additional matters to discuss, Applicant kindly requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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